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MEMORANDUM FOR: Directorate of Plans
Deputy Director of Plans for War Plans
Headquarters USAF

ATTENTION: [REDACTED], AFMFD-PL-EB 25X1A

SUBJECT: Evaluation of Dornier Aircraft

1. This Agency has mission requirements that are best fulfilled utilizing light aircraft with STOL capabilities. To date, these missions have been accomplished using the Helio Courier. The development of the twin-engine Helio has been pointed to the same mission concept with the safety factor enhancement offered by two engines. It is desirable to ascertain that the Helio aircraft do, in fact, provide maximum mission capability for such missions.

2. This Agency requests that an Air Force pilot-engineer team evaluate the applicable German-manufactured Dornier aircraft models for comparison purposes. There are three Dornier aircraft of interest: the Dornier Do. 27, the Do. 27T fitted with a turboprop engine, and the Do. 28.

3. While this Agency does not presume the prerogative of recommending a specific pilot, it seems prudent to nominate Captain [REDACTED] of Edwards Air Force Base, California. [REDACTED] flew the L-28A evaluation, has been active in the comparison evaluation of several light aircraft for the SAC missile base support mission, and has been assigned the task of performing the forthcoming Twin Helio

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tests. His background and experience make him an ideal choice to make the desired evaluation and comparison.

4. This program would be mutually beneficial to all concerned, and this Agency has funds available to cover expenses incurred. It is desirable that a representative of our air staff accompany the team to Germany.

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